



RUSSIA'S FUTURE RESTS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Faith of the People is Pinned to Success of National Parliament--Result of Assemblage Will Decide the Country's Future.

PARLIAMENT WILL CONVENE ON MAY TENTH

SENATE WILL PROBABLY END DISCUSSION ON RAILROAD RATE BILL THIS WEEK--NAVAL BILL IN HOUSE--INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE STANDARD OIL AND RAILROADS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—The following is a forecast of the events for the coming week:

The National Assembly of Russia, to which so many hopes for the future of that country are pinned, will be convened at Tauride Palace in St. Petersburg on Thursday, May 10.

Never before in the history of Russia has there been an assemblage which with the sanction and approval of the government, has represented the people. It would therefore appear to be an experiment, upon the outcome of which will depend the future of Russia. Three hundred and seventy-one members have been elected to the assembly of which the constitutional democrats have a clear working majority.

The first and all important matter to come up will be the agrarian problem and recent St. Petersburg dispatches indicate the government will work in accord with the assembly in this matter by proposing the formation of a parliamentary commission to elaborate plans for the agrarian project.

Rate Debate May End.

Practically all the members of the United States Senate agree in predicting the present week will end the discussion on the railroad rate bill. There is some disposition among Republicans to antagonize the court of review feature, but for the fact that this provision has been accepted as a party measure. While it remains to be seen what effect the consolidation will have on the Democrats, the chances are that after expressing surprise that the bill

should become a party measure and chaffing their opponents, they will let a vote be taken, each one voting according to his personal views. However, the present week will be required to finish the work of the bill. The principal debate is to be on the court of review motion which will probably be reached on Tuesday. After this there will be little heart left for anything else and whatever other amendment is offered will probably create little discussion.

House Naval Bill.

The reading of the naval bill is expected to occupy the house the first three days this week. If there should be any time left over there are two special matters already on the calendar and the immigration bill may be given this status today. The pure food bill has the right of way when the appropriation bills are out of the way.

Standard Oil Inquiry.

The interstate commerce commission on May 10th will begin one of the most close inquiries ever instituted into the relations of the railroads with the Standard Oil Company. Special counsel has been engaged and hundreds of subpoenas issued. Independent oil refineries have been summoned and the commission will make the investigation as drastic as possible.

The ecclesiastical court which tried Dr. Crapsey will resume May 9th to examine the evidence and decide the verdict. The next day the court will transmit the findings to Bishop Wilker, who will decide upon the punishment if any.

COAST BASEBALL SCORES.

Northwest League.

TACOMA, May 6.—Tacoma 5, Gray's Harbor 3.
SPOKANE, May 6.—Butte 2, Spokane 6.

Pacific Coast League.

PORTLAND, May 6.—Portland 4, Oakland 3 (11 innings).
SEATTLE, May 6.—Seattle 6-0, San Francisco 3-6.
FRESNO, May 6.—Los Angeles 6, Fresno 4.

AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

LONDON, May 6.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at St. Petersburg says it is reported Witte will be appointed ambassador to France.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN CLOSES.

PARIS, May 6.—The election campaign closed last night, the polls will be opened throughout France tomorrow. Great interest was taken in the result owing to the fact that it will mean the country's opinion on the course of government in connection with the separation of church and state and on the recent labor agitations.

NEW DIRECTOR.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Wassali Safonoff, for the next three years, will be conductor of the New York Philharmonic Society and director of the national conservatory of music of America. A cablegram from Mr. Safonoff was received yesterday accepting the offers of these societies.

MANY TO SEE OPENING OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The members of the national parliament and council of empire are arriving on every train. In addition quite a number of distinguished personages and foreign journalists are already here to witness the opening of Russia's great historical event—the inauguration of the Parli-

ment. Preparations for the ceremonies at the Winter Palace where the emperor will deliver a speech from the throne, have been arranged and all the pomp and glitter of a solemn state function, and the idea of a formal opening in order to diminish the importance of the position of parliament, having been abandoned.

ASTORIA LOG RAFT GOES ADRIPT

EUREKA, May 6.—The log raft containing six million feet of lumber which left Astoria Wednesday in tow of the steamer Frances Leggett is reported adrift. The Leggett encountered heavy seas and the hawsers broke. At last reports the raft was sighted about twenty miles off Crescent City.

EDITOR FOR SENATOR.

OMAHA, May 6.—The candidacy of Edward Rosemary, proprietor of the Omaha Bee for the Republican nomination for United States Senator at the coming state convention will be announced tomorrow in a signed article by his son, Victor Rosemary.

TO STUDY ENGLISH TRADES.

BERLIN, May 6.—Fifteen German workmen, ten of whom are members of the Christian trade unions, and five members of the Hirsch-Duncker cooperative body, will shortly proceed to England to study the conditions in the coal, metal and textile industries and British methods of avoiding strikes and lockouts. They will be accompanied by two high authorities on national economy—Dr. Zimmermann, secretary of the Society of Social Reform, and Dr. Brauns of the Rhenish-Westphalian Coal Syndicate.

FLOAT BATTLESHIP DYNAMITING WALLS

Rhode Island Finally Pulled Off York Spit.

NO NATIVE PILOT ABOARD

With Aid of Four Powerful Tugs Huge Warship is Pulled From Sands and Anchored in Deep Water.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The battleship Rhode Island floated at high tide tonight after having been aground on York Spit Bar since Saturday morning. It was due to the efforts of four powerful naval tugs that the warship was drawn from the sandbar. The Rhode Island then dropped anchor at the mouth of the York River and will come to Hampton Roads tomorrow. The extent of her injury is not known tonight. It develops that there was no native pilot taken aboard the vessel when she entered the capes. Virginia pilots say one was offered, but was refused. No other pilot would have undertaken to take the ship to York Bay. Off York Spit there are numerous shoals extending far out into the main channel. These shoals are treacherous and Captains unfamiliar with the channel are likely to come to grief if they attempt to enter the harbor without the aid of a local pilot. Captain Garst of the Rhode Island has been ill and naval officers express the opinion that he was not in command when the ship struck.

CONGO REFORMS WILL LINGER.

King Leopold Has Not Signed Commissioner's Report.

BRUSSELS, May 6.—It is just announced that the reforms in the Congo will not be introduced as speedily as had been promised and hoped. The Gazette declares that the report of the reform commission, which was to be approved and signed by King Leopold at Villefranche, has been sent back unsigned by the sovereign to the Congo government. Moreover, authorization to publish the report has been refused. No further explanation, it is alleged, has been given as to the king's attitude. Baron Descamps had been summoned to Villefranche. This gentleman, who is a well known authority on Congolese law, has returned here, but could make no statement as to the fate of the Congolese reform scheme.

SHE CRUSHED MERE MAN.

English Woman at Plato Class is Face-tious.

LONDON, May 6.—Dr. Reich has just closed the series of his lectures upon Plato—a series which has stirred social circles to their very depths. In his closing address he made a strong protest against the idea that art was gloomy or melancholy. That was not so, but the contrary. Art gave us the same kind of consolation as religion. Art, as far as people were concerned, was superior to nature. "It is the nature we create ourselves that is true art," said the lecturer, "and nature is nothing but invention."

Following his usual custom Dr. Reich started a discussion by asking a question.

"Is still life really art?" he inquired. There were various answers, and the ladies seemed to be far from unanimous in the manner in which they regarded the question. It was pointed out that animals were included under the term "still life," and in pursuance of his task of extracting the opinions of his audience, Dr. Reich asked: "In what way does a horse excel a man?" "A horse is useful," promptly replied a lady at the back of the room. This subtle, and at the same time, deadly thrust at mere man, convulsed the room. Even Dr. Reich, who usually maintains a most impassive countenance, had to join in the mirth. "That is a very sportive answer," he remarked.

San Francisco Authorities Demolishing Ruined Structures.

OFFICIALS REST ON SUNDAY

Yesterday Was the First Day of Rest For Officials Since Great Disaster—Many People Visit the Ruins.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—The first accident in connection with dynamiting the dangerous walls by engineers of the army took place today. Smaller quantities of explosives than were used last week are being fired, necessitating two or more charges being exploded before the desired result is attained. This morning two charges were exploded under the facade of a tall ruin and the third charge was being inserted when the wall fell. Two soldiers escaped, but a third was caught by the mass of twisted iron and though partly shielded by part of it, when taken out after an hour's work, was found to be severely though not dangerously wounded.

Today was the first day of official rest since the disaster and all municipal departments excepting the police and the hospitals were closed and Franklin Hall, the seat of the San Francisco government, was deserted. The streets of the burned district were thronged today by sight seers, each bringing a camera. In expectation of the crush of people booths of street fakirs sprang up over night along the curbs prepared to furnish refreshments. In many instances the booth's label was the name of a once famous hostelry. On one booth sign "Palace Hotel" appeared the words "Hot Frankfurters, five cents." This provoked a smile from each passerby. The work of tearing down continued all day notwithstanding the Sabbath.

KISSES AT \$3.75 PER.

PARIS, May 6.—A man milliner of the Rue de la Plax has been sued in the Paris courts by twenty of his working girls for having kissed them. The court inflicted the maximum penalty for every kiss bestowed on each girl, and it was found that he had enjoyed \$75 worth.

GOVERNOR GENERAL IS WOUNDED WITH A BOMB

Russian Terrorist Throws Bomb at the Carriage of Admiral Doubassoff Killing Two Men and Wounding the Governor General.

BOMB THROWER IS KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION

ASSASSIN IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A STUDENT—SEVERAL BY-STANDERS SUSTAIN SERIOUS INJURIES—DOUBASSOFF IS WOUNDED IN THE LEG—OTHER ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE.

MOSCOW, May 6.—A bomb was thrown at the carriage of Admiral Doubassoff, governor general of Moscow as he was being driven to the Palace today. He was wounded in the foot and his aide and sentry were killed. The bomb thrower is reported killed. He wore an officer's uniform. Access to the Palace is barred.

Doubassoff was returning from the Uspenski cathedral when the outrage took place just outside his palace.

Several bystanders were injured. Doubassoff's life was saved by the poor aim of the would be assassin. The bomb exploded on the pavement several paces in the rear of his carriage hurling the mutilated corpse of the terrorist several yards backwards, and tearing off the arm and side of his face of the aide. Doubassoff was thrown from the

carriage under the horse's heels. His back was burned and his leg bruised, but he was able to walk unassisted into the palace. The coachman's skull was fractured. It is thought the assassin was a student in whose rooms was the bomb thrown which exploded Saturday killing three accomplices, but who at the time was watching the palace from a room in the hotel opposite.

Since Doubassoff was appointed Governor General last December several attempts at assassination have been covered. During January Prince Koslovka was arrested charged with being an accessory to a planned assassination. In March a young woman secured entrance to the palace under the plea that she was a personal friend of Doubassoff's. Her agitation caused her apprehension.

A NEW SOUTH AFRICAN ROAD.

Formally Opened, and Promises Much to the Country.

JOHANNESBURG, May 6.—South Africa has a new railroad system of more than local interest. The new line from Klerksdorp to Fourteen Streams has been formally opened by the earl of Selbourne. Its completion marks one of the most important stages in the policy of railway development which Lord Milner initiated after the close of the war.

After all the heated discussion of the last three years as to the best use of the funds available for such a purpose there has never been any question of the vital importance of this particular scheme. The new line connects the main route from Cape Town to the north with the coal fields of the Transvaal and Natal. It brings Johannesburg into direct communication with Kimberley. It shortens the route between Cape Town and the Rand by 60 miles. Finally, it brings Rhodesia within comparatively easy reach, not only of the Transvaal, but of the ports of Durban and Lourence Marques. The wearisome trip round by way of Mautpoort and De Aar, so familiar to the business men of South Africa, is now a thing of the past.

The 144 miles of new railway has taken almost exactly twelve months to build, which, in view of the terrible lack of labor, represents a very creditable achievement for the authorities of the central South African railways.

WELCOME LOCAL OPTION.

HEPPNER, Ore., May 6.—Whether local option will carry in this place or not in June is no longer a question. Even the bitterest foes of the question, the saloon men, acknowledge that they have not a ghost of a show of beating out; and indeed most of them say they will vote for it, believing it will come sooner or later, and the sooner the better. They argue that the city will be a dead number as soon as the saloons are closed and say that after two years of "closed town" the voters will be glad to see them opened again, and that after this trial the issue will be a dead one here.

FAIR BUILDING BURNS.

SPOKANE, May 6.—Fire at Davenport, Wash., destroyed one of the county fair buildings. The loss was \$40,000.

MINISTRY TRANSITIONAL.

LONDON, May 6.—The Times' correspondent at St. Petersburg says he is able to state positively that the emperor intends to select his future ministers from the National Parliament and that the Goremykin ministry is merely transitional.

DOG POISONED.

The famous dog belonging to George Cauffman, named "Sam," was severely poisoned yesterday by strychnine, but was brought through all right by the efforts of Ed Llewellyn of the fire department.

FRENCH ELECTIONS SHOW FEW CHANGES IN CHAMBER

PARIS, May 6.—The results are thus far announced in general.

The parliamentary elections held today show few changes in the chamber most of the former deputies being re-elected, but an extraordinary number of second ballots will be necessary in

Paris. The present ballot gives the opposition a majority, but the second ballots which will be taken on May 20th, are expected to result in the representation at the capital being equally divided. It is estimated there was a recorded poll of votes today. The day passed without disturbances.